

2015 MML LEGISLATIVE REQUEST

Name of Municipality, Chapter or Department submitting request: City of Greenbelt

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INTRODUCTION

1. Describe the problem or situation the request is intended to address:

Some municipalities have established differing tax rates for different classes of property. This allows municipalities to equitably recover the costs of their services.

2. Describe the requested legislation:

Oppose any legislation that would restrict municipal corporations from establishing different property tax rates on "classes" of property.

3. Describe how the requested legislation would remedy the problem?

This legislative effort would maintain the status quo and allow municipalities to establish different tax rates for different classes of property.

4. The proposed legislation would address: ☐ Only your municipality

☐ Only municipalities in your county ☒ Municipalities in the entire state

☐ All counties and municipalities in the entire state

5. Would the proposed remedy have a significant fiscal impact on your municipality?

It could for those municipalities that have established different rates or those that might wish to in the future.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

1. Could the problem be resolved by something other than a new law i.e. action by another level of government or changes in administrative procedures?

No.

2. If administrative remedies have already been pursued, what were they and what was the outcome?

None.

3. What other state and/or local agencies, if any, would be affected by this proposal?

None

4. Have any state agencies been contacted about the proposal? If yes, what was their reaction?

No.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

1. Has the League considered this proposal in a previous year? If yes, describe any significant changes in circumstances that might improve its chances of success in 2015:

No.

2. Has this request been considered by the General Assembly in prior sessions? If yes, please provide the bill number, year, and outcome of legislation, if known:

Legislation that would limit municipal authority to establish different tax rates was considered as follows. In 2014 - HB 492 was introduced and failed. In 2013 – HB 820/SB 893 was introduced and failed.

3. Has this proposed legislation been implemented by any other city, county or state? If yes, please describe where it has been implemented and cite any existing law or model code upon which the proposal is based:

Not known

Signature of authorized municipal, chapter
Or departmental official

David E. Moran 7/3/14
Print name Date

Please return LAR form to:

MML Legislative Committee
1212 West Street
Annapolis, MD 21401
ATTN: Jim Peck

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Some gas stations charge a higher price per gallon when paying with a credit card instead of cash. This higher price should not apply to debit cards which should be treated the same as cash.

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Require gas stations and potentially other merchants to treat debit card transactions as cash and levy the cash price instead of the credit price.

3. Describe how the requested legislation would remedy the problem?

This legislation would allow debit card users to obtain the cash price when purchasing gas.

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